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Applicant(s) : **REUFER, Christian et al.**
Filed : **09/30/2005**
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Docket No. : **032301.429**
Customer No. : **25461**

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Now come Applicants and respectfully request that the filing date of September 29, 2005, granted for the above-identified application as shown on the enclosed copies of the Notice of Acceptance and Official Filing Receipt mailed September 5, 2006, be corrected to show that the actual filing date was September 30, 2005.

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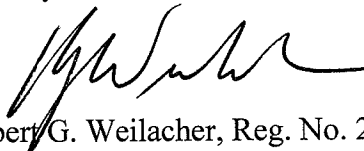
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Accompanying this petition is an affidavit by Lucy Kimsey establishing that the correspondence was deposited in the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) at the Atlanta Midtown Station by her on September 30, 2005.

The granting of this petition is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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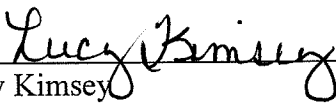
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I, Lucy Kimsey, hereby declare that I am a patent paralegal employed by the firm of Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP. In Atlanta, Georgia on September 30, 2005, I personally took to the U.S. Postal Service at the Midtown Station on West Peachtree Street in Atlanta, Georgia the application documents relating to the above-identified application.

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- English Translation of the IA filed on 09/29/2005
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- Copy of IPE Report filed on 09/29/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 09/29/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 09/29/2005
- Oath or Declaration filed on 09/29/2005
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 09/29/2005
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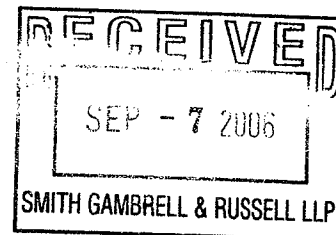
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